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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Cost of Typical Foods Used in School Lunches which
Meet Minimum Nutritional Requirements.

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Fiscal Years 1943 and 1948				
Commodity	Unit of Measure	Average Cost F.Y. 1943: July-Dec. 1947	Average Cost July-Dec. 1947	Month of December 1947
		(cents)	(cents)	(cents)
Milk	: quart	: 15.5	: 20.0	: 20.8
Beef chuck	: pound	: 30.2	: 56.3	: 56.4
Liver, beef	: "	: 37.1	: 66.3	: 65.8
Ham, whole smoked	: "	: 37.7	: 69.5	: 65.6
Eggs	: dozen	: 57.2	: 77.7	: 81.8
Cheese	: pound	: 37.4	: 58.4	: 61.4
Beans, dried	: "	: 10.1	: 21.6	: 22.5
Potatoes	: "	: 4.6	: 5.2	: 5.3
Oranges	: "	: 8.9	: 9.0	: 7.5
Tomato juice, canned	: "	: 10.6	: 14.9	: 14.1
Carrots	: "	: 8.8	: 12.4	: 16.7
Cabbage	: "	: 7.1	: 7.4	: 9.0
Lettuce	: "	: 14.0	: 13.9	: 14.8
String beans, canned	: "	: 12.5	: 13.7	: 13.8
Onions	: "	: 7.5	: 8.6	: 10.8
Celery	: "	: 14.8	: 13.9	: 14.8
Turnips	: "	: 4.0	: 7.4	: 9.0
Peaches, canned	: "	: 14.5	: 17.5	: 17.2
Prunes	: "	: 16.6	: 23.7	: 22.3
Apples	: "	: 10.8	: 11.7	: 11.6
Bread, whole wheat	: "	: 9.8	: 14.2	: 14.6
Bread, white	: "	: 8.9	: 12.9	: 13.6
Flour	: "	: 6.1	: 10.1	: 10.8
Cornstarch	: "	: 10.0	: 11.3	: 12.5
Corn meal	: "	: 5.5	: 10.5	: 11.2
Rice	: "	: 12.7	: 19.8	: 20.8
Butter	: "	: 52.7	: 85.7	: 95.4
Shortening	: "	: 20.0	: 38.6	: 45.6
Margarine	: "	: 23.6	: 39.1	: 41.7
Salad dressing	: quart	: 50.1	: 73.4	: 73.8
Sugar	: pound	: 6.8	: 9.8	: 9.9
Molasses	: "	: 14.0	: 14.2	: 14.2

Source of data: "Retail Food Prices by Cities"
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